

Domestic Violence Coordinating Council
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2018

Call to Order: The Chair, Hon. Michael Newell called the DVCC Quarterly meeting order at 1:11 p.m.

Introductions: In attendance were the following DVCC members and designated representatives: Hon. Carl Danberg (CCP), Laura Graham, Esq. (CLASI), Ariana Langford, Prof. Jennifer Naccarelli (University of DE), Chief Defender Brendan O'Neill (ODS), Cpl./3 Adrienne Owen (DSP), Vincent Poppiti, Esq., (Fox Rothschild), Sean Lugg (DOJ), Alan Grinstead (DOC)

Members of the Public and Invited Guests: Terica Jones (CJC), Sgt. Jeff Desaulniers (Capitol Police), Blanche Creech (People's Place), Ellie Torres (Family Court), Claire DeMatteis (FCEP), Michelle Ostafy (Child Inc.), Deiana Tyree (Child Inc.), Lori Sitler (Child Inc.), Jane Galli (Child Inc.), Hon. Jennifer Ranji (Family Court), Mariann Kenville-Moore (DCADV).

DVCC Staff: Maureen Monagle, Natasha Smith and Patricia Kwetkauskie.

Minutes: A motion to approve the May 14, 2018 minutes was made, seconded and the minutes were approved.

At-Large Member Vacancy – Health Care Community

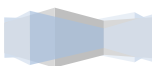
Dr. Margaret Chou, with Christiana Care Health Services (CCHS), was nominated as the Chair of the Medical Committee. A motion was made to approve this nomination, seconded and the nomination was approved.

DVCC Outstanding Service Award

There were three nominations for the 2018 DVCC Outstanding Service Award. Council members voted prior to the meeting. Robert Hirst, Esq. as selected as this year's recipient. Mr. Hirst is a volunteer attorney with Delaware Volunteer Legal Services, Inc (DVLS). He will be presented with the award at the October 9th Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation signing.

VAWA Implementation Committee Funding Recommendation: Terica Jones (CJC) sought approval from the Council for the following grant programs:

- **FFY2018 Sexual Assault Services Formula Grant Program:** Delaware was awarded \$352,305.00 for the FFY2018 Sexual Assault Services Formula Grant Program (SASP). The VAWA Implementation Committee recommends \$201,979.00 be awarded to the YMCA of Delaware, Inc. to continue services for the Rape Crisis Center for New Castle County. An additional recommendation of \$132,675.00 to be awarded to Contact Lifeline, Inc. to continue to support their Rape Crisis Services in Kent and Sussex Counties. A motion was made to approve; motion was seconded. The funding recommendations were approved with one abstention due to being a member of the VAWA Committee.
- **FFY2017 S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program:** Delaware was awarded \$939,139.00 for the FFY2017 S.T.O.P. VAWA Formula Grant. The VAWA Implementation Committee recommends \$39,477.00 be award to the Department of Correction



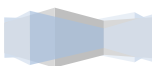
(Probation and Parole) for a Sussex County Victims' Services Agent. The Victim Services agent would provide outreach services to victims of domestic violence sexual assault where the perpetrator is active on probation and parole. A motion was made to approve; motion was seconded. The funding recommendation was approved with one abstention due to being a member of the the VAWA Committee.

- **FFY2018 S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program:** Delaware was awarded \$950,489.00 for the FFY 2018 S.T.O.P. VAWA Formula Grant. The VAWA Implementation Committee is recommending eight subgrant programs for continuation funding (totaling \$645,169.00), and the 5% designated to the CJC for administration costs (\$47,924.00). \$693,093.00 is the total funding that would be obligated under this recommendation. The remaining balance will be presented to the Council in the future. A motion was made to approve the programs for continuation funding; motion was seconded. The funding recommendations were approved with one abstention due to membership on the VAWA Committee.
- **2018 Domestic Violence Fund:** Total deposits made to the Domestic Violence Fund for the July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 period were \$98,685.00. This amount is 1.8% more than the previous year. The allocation amount will include a delayed Kent County payment from January 1, 2017 – June 30, 2017 of \$2,055 making the total available \$100,740. The CJC receives 5% (\$5,037.00) for administration of the DV Fund. The total amount available for direct service is \$95,703.00. The VAWA Implementation Committee recommends \$47,237.00 be awarded to Delaware Volunteer Legal Services for legal services for domestic victims in New Castle County and \$47,700.00 to Community Legal Aid Society, Inc. (CLASI) for legal services for Victims of Domestic Violence in Kent and Sussex Counties. A motion was made; motion was seconded. The funding recommendations were approved with two abstentions due to participation on the VAWA Committee and another Council Member's employment with CLASI.

Family Court Enhancement Project Update

The Family Court Enhancement Project was granted an extension to October 31, 2018. Family Court Judges and Commissioners went through the SAFR training in August 2018 with Family Law Attorneys and Advocates scheduled to take the training in October 2018. Judge Ranji continues to meet with Family Court Judicial Officers to discuss Custody and Domestic Violence. Through this project there were a number of systemic recommendations given. The majority of these recommendations have either been completed or are in the process of being completed. Family Court is dedicated to sustaining the improvements made through this project and Claire DeMatteis (FCEP) plans to have a sustainability committee meeting prior to the October 31st grant end date.

Claire DeMatteis (FCEP) gave an overview of some of the enhancements made to the Family Court website in the custody and PFA sections. Claire discussed that there are 7 infographics pertaining to Custody and the PFA process that have been translated into Spanish and Creole. The infographics are available in all 3 Family Court Resource Centers across the state. The Custody packet has also been translated into Spanish and Creole. Claire also stated that the Family Court Enhancement Project will have an update and roundtable discussion at the Public Archives Building in Dover, DE immediately before the October 9th Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation Signing.



FY2018 Annual Report

Maureen Monagle (DVCC Staff) stated that the FY2018 DVCC Annual Report is complete with the exception of the Chair's Message being added. A motion to approve was given; motion was seconded and approved.

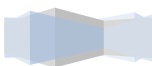
DVCC Committee Updates:

- **Children & DV:** Natasha Smith (DVCC Staff) stated that the committee received an update about the onsite training presented to the Domestic Violence Liaisons, their DV Agency Supervisors and select Division of Family Services Supervisors. The DVCC plans to schedule additional technical assistance and online training with the Safe and Together Institute in the coming months.
- **Criminal Justice:** Brendan O'Neill (ODS) stated that the Committee is continuing to discuss the impact of HB204 as it relates to pre-trial release and the development of a risk assessment tool.
- **Treatment:** Brendan O'Neill (ODS) stated that the committee is wrapping up its review of the recommendations for the review of the Batterers' Intervention Evaluation.
- **Immigration:** Laura Graham (CLASI) stated that the committee has wrapped up the revision of the Resource Guide for Advocates Working with Immigrant Victims and the accompanying resource list. The Guide is available on the DVCC website.
- **Public Awareness & Education:** Judge Danberg (CCP) stated that the committee is gearing up for the 2018 Healthy Relationships Poster Contest. The contest will be offered to all Delaware high school students during October. Judge Danberg also asked if anyone is willing to join the committee they are welcome.
- **Elderly & DV:** Pat Kwetkauskie (DVCC Staff) stated that the committee continued to develop strategies to promote awareness of the needs of elderly victims who experience domestic violence. This includes distributing the infographic on the Elderly and Domestic Violence and companion resource and services list to faith-based communities throughout Delaware.
- **Legislative Committee:** Moe Monagle (DVCC Staff) stated that the DVCC received a request from the Criminal Justice Improvement Committee, through the AOC, seeking the Council's input on Senate bills 2019 and 210. The Committee reviewed particular areas of interest the Council supported in the past that may be impacted with the new code. The Committee will continue to work with the CJIS and AOC staff as they move forward.

Executive Director's Report and Announcements:

The Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims is scheduled for Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at the Route 9 Library & Innovation Center in New Castle.

The Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation Signing will take place on October 9, 2018 at 2:30pm at Delaware Public Archives (*121 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. North, Dover, DE 19901*).



#1ThingDE will be the theme and hash tag used during October for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The Shine the Light Campaign will have at least one landmark in each of the three counties lit in Purple.

Tracie Dixon-Stanley is the new Administrative Specialist for DVCC. She will be starting on September 24, 2018.

Public Comment:

Mariann Kenville Moore (DCADV) discussed domestic violence as a health issue and introduced the development of a pilot where Advocates will be embedded with healthcare providers at Westside Health Center and Christiana Care. Mariann also stated that DV101 is set to take place on September 19th and 20th in Dover.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, December 10 @ 1:00 p.m., Buena Vista – Buck Library

The meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

